

MEMORANDUM

TO: Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project
Advisory Group and Interested Parties

FROM: John Pandiani
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DATE: March 26, 1999

RE: Change in SSI Status among CRT Clients

This week's report examines changes in Supplemental Security Income using the same approach as was applied to the measurement of change in employment status last week. For all CRT clients who were served during 1997, SSI status in 1998 (the outcome measure) was compared to SSI status in 1996 (the access measure) to derive a measure in change in SSI status. Both measures were obtained from the Annual Community Status Update that is reported by designated agencies to DDMHS as part of Quarterly and Monthly Service Reports.

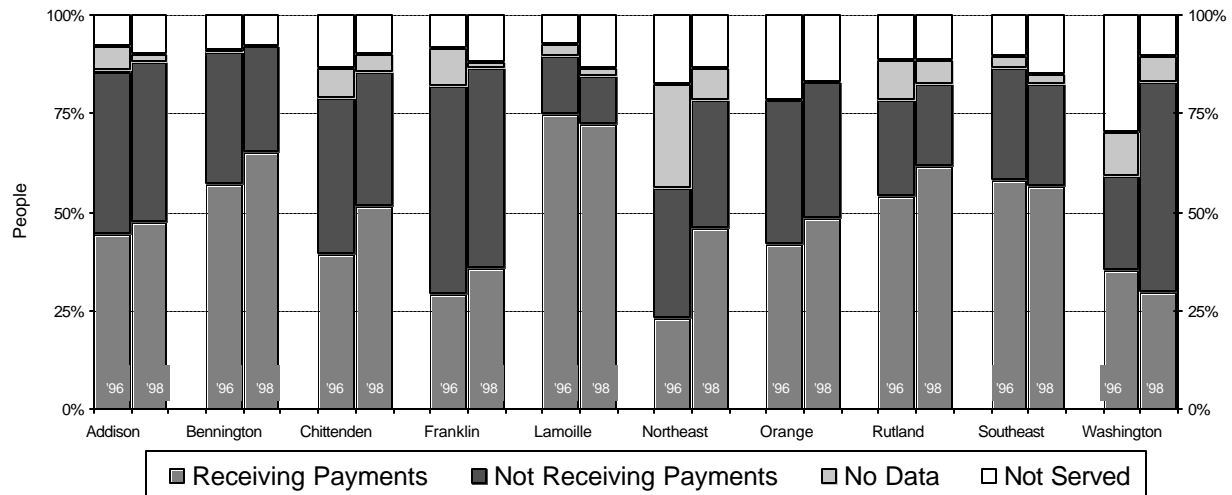
There was a net change toward SSI enrollment of 5% between 1996 and 1998. (Net change is the difference between the percent going on SSI and the percent going off SSI.) Eight out of the ten CRT programs experienced at least some movement toward more SSI enrollment. One CRT program (Washington County) reported a net movement toward less SSI enrollment.

As with employment, there were a substantial number of CRT clients for whom the required data was not available. Information on SSI enrollment for both 1996 and 1998 was not available for almost one third of all CRT clients served during 1997.

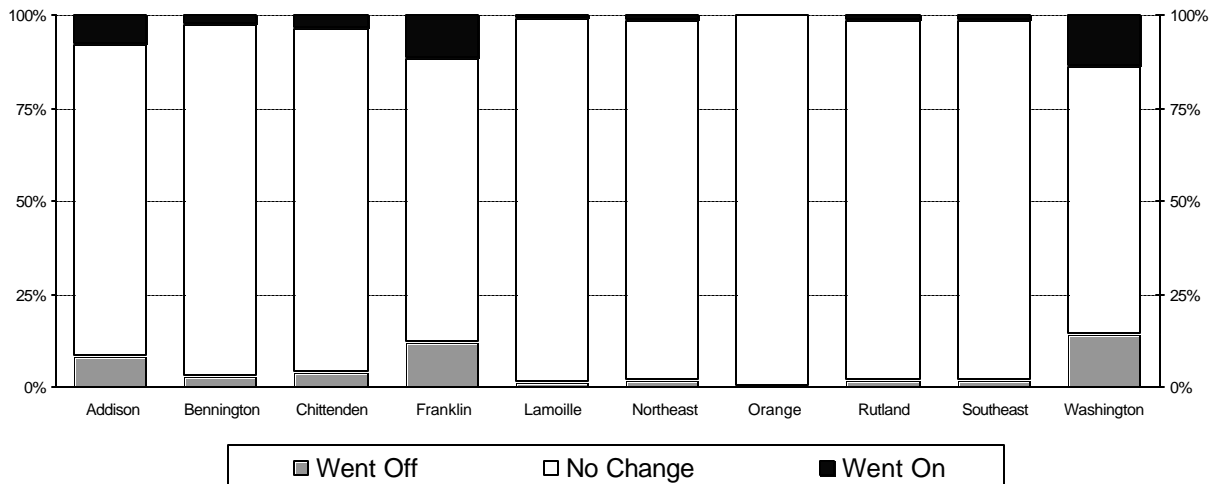
We will be particularly interested in your interpretation of these data and your suggestions for further analysis in this area. Please call us at 802-241-2638 or e-mail to jpandiani@ddmhs.state.vt.us.

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SSI STATUS IN 1996 AND 1998



CHANGE IN SSI STATUS



Region	Year	SSI Information					Change in SSI					
		Payments	No Payments	No data	Not Served	Total	Data Available		Went Off	Same	Went On	Net Change
							#	%				
Addison	1996	44%	42%	6%	8%	149	117	79%	8%	82%	10%	3%
	1998	47%	41%	2%	10%	149						
Bennington	1996	57%	34%	1%	9%	197	166	84%	2%	84%	14%	11%
	1998	65%	27%	0%	8%	197						
Chittenden	1996	39%	40%	8%	14%	629	455	72%	3%	81%	16%	13%
	1998	51%	34%	4%	10%	629						
Franklin	1996	29%	53%	10%	9%	217	160	74%	11%	72%	17%	6%
	1998	35%	51%	2%	12%	217						
Lamoille	1996	74%	15%	3%	8%	129	99	77%	1%	98%	1%	0%
	1998	72%	12%	2%	14%	129						
Northeast	1996	23%	33%	27%	18%	455	220	48%	1%	81%	17%	16%
	1998	46%	32%	8%	14%	455						
Orange	1996	42%	37%	0%	22%	120	83	69%	0%	92%	8%	8%
	1998	48%	34%	0%	18%	120						
Rutland	1996	54%	24%	10%	12%	319	229	72%	2%	92%	6%	4%
	1998	61%	21%	6%	12%	319						
Southeast	1996	58%	28%	3%	11%	376	281	75%	1%	95%	4%	2%
	1998	56%	26%	3%	15%	376						
Washington	1996	35%	24%	11%	30%	641	348	54%	16%	82%	3%	-13%
	1998	30%	53%	7%	11%	641						
Statewide Average		48%	33%	5%	13%	3,232	2,158	67%	5%	85%	10%	5%